District Judge Barbara J. Rothstein 1 2 3 4 5 6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE 8 TSIGAB A. GEBRAY, et al., 9 No. 2:23-cv-870-BJR 10 Plaintiffs, STIPULATED MOTION AND PROPOSED BRIEFING SCHEDULE 11 v. 12 ALEJANDRO MAYORKAS, et al., 13 Defendants. 14 The parties hereby provide the Court with a proposed briefing schedule for Defendants' 15 motion to dismiss pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedures 12(b)(1) and 12(b)(6). Plaintiffs 16 bring this case pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act and Mandamus Act seeking an order 17 compelling the Government to complete processing of their Form I-730s, Refugee/Asylee Relative 18 Petitions, that they claim have been unreasonably delayed. Since this litigation commenced, U.S. 19 Citizenship and Immigration Services ("USCIS") approved Plaintiffs' Form I-730s. Because the 20 beneficiaries reside in Ethiopia, the State Department will determine their travel eligibility once 21 the case is transferred to the U.S. Embassy in Addis Ababa. Defendants' position is that the 22 Department of State should not be held responsible for a processing delay by USCIS; Plaintiffs' 23 24 STIPULATED MOTION FOR UNITED STATES ATTORNEY BRIEFING SCHEDULE - 1 700 Stewart Street, Suite 5220 (23-cv-870-BJR) SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98101 (206) 553-7970

1 position is that the Form I-730 adjudication and travel eligibility that should be measured as one 2 continuous process. The parties do not dispute the overall timing of the process thus far. 3 Accordingly, the parties propose the following briefing schedule for Defendants' motion to 4 dismiss: 5 Filing **Deadline** Defendants' motion to September 22, 2023 6 dismiss 7 October 23, 2023 Plaintiffs' response to the motion 8 Defendants' reply in October 27, 2023 9 support of the motion 10 11 Dated: September 11, 2023 Respectfully submitted, 12 TESSA M. GORMAN 13 Acting United States Attorney 14 s/Michelle R. Lambert MICHELLE R. LAMBERT, NYS #4666657 15 Assistant United States Attorney United States Attorney's Office 16 1201 Pacific Avenue, Suite 700 Tacoma, Washington 98402 17 Phone: 253-428-3824 Email: michelle.lambert@usdoj.gov 18 Attorneys for Defendants 19 I certify that this memorandum contains 193 words, in compliance with the Local Civil Rules. 20 s/Jane Marie O'Sullivan 21 JANE MARIE O'SULLIVAN WSBA#34486 22 O'Sullivan Law Office 2417 Pacific Avenue SE, 2nd Floor 23 Olympia, Washington 98501 Phone: 206-340-9980 24 STIPULATED MOTION FOR UNITED STATES ATTORNEY BRIEFING SCHEDULE - 2 700 Stewart Street, Suite 5220

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STIPULATED MOTION FOR BRIEFING SCHEDULE (23-cv-870-BJR) **ORDER**

The parties having stipulated and agreed, it is hereby so ORDERED.	The parties shall
submit briefing pursuant to the following schedule:	

<u>Filing</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Defendants' motion to dismiss	September 22, 2023
Plaintiffs' response to the motion	October 23, 2023
Defendants' reply in support of the motion	October 27, 2023

DATED this 12th day of September, 2023.

Barbara Jacobs Rothstein U.S. District Court Judge